



Rioglass Solar Press Conference Surprise City Hall

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Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Good morning!

Today, the Arizona Comeback continues.

This morning, we celebrate Arizona advancing its competitive position in the global marketplace.

Spain's Rioglass Solar has chosen Arizona and the city of Surprise.

The company will produce curved sheets of glass – a vital part of APS's Solana Power Station, and other solar projects.

It means new jobs for Arizonans – especially here in the Northwest Valley.

It means bringing significant investment that will bolster our economy.

José María Villanueva – thank you for your commitment to our state.

I look forward to your partnership as we advance the solar industry throughout all of Arizona.

When I first signed into law the renewable energy tax incentive program – the goal was to bring solar manufacturers to Arizona -- and it's working.

Today's announcement is proof positive.

Rioglass will benefit -- and so, too, will Arizona.

This past legislative session, I signed into law a new incentive focused on growing solar generation projects.

I say, Arizona is the best state in the nation, and competes globally, for solar energy companies to locate and expand.

And, I've often said I want Arizona to become the solar capital of the world.

Well, we're on our way.

"Business Facilities" is a national publication and location advisor for site selection -- for both solar energy manufacturing and the alternative energy industry -- and it has now ranked Arizona as the "solar king," -- noting we offer "the highest solar power potential in the nation, and the state is by far the leading producer of equipment to capture these rays."

This affirms Arizona's progressive renewable energy standards and solar policies for both utility-scale and rooftop installations, the supportive business climate, and the availability of local manufacturing-ready facilities.

Since becoming Governor, I have been consistently focused on ensuring Arizona is adding to its tool chest to attract the industries of our future.

My new Arizona Commerce Authority -- with its board top business leaders -- including Michael Bidwill who is here today -- is already producing results from an aggressive, more competitive approach.

We must ensure businesses understand Arizona is a premier market place to operate in the global market.

Innovation. Investment. Jobs.

These are the pillars on which we are building Arizona's recovery -- and my commitment to attract more quality jobs to our state. Today's announcement is added proof that our plan is -- in fact -- bringing jobs to Arizona.

I appreciate Rioglass, and all of the partners who worked to secure this project for Arizona -- especially, my dear friend, Surprise Mayor Lyn Truitt -- you have a good team here -- and I know this is just the first of what I hope will be many new jobs for Arizonans -- and your citizens.